

EXAMPLES OF CARVED BENCH ENDS.

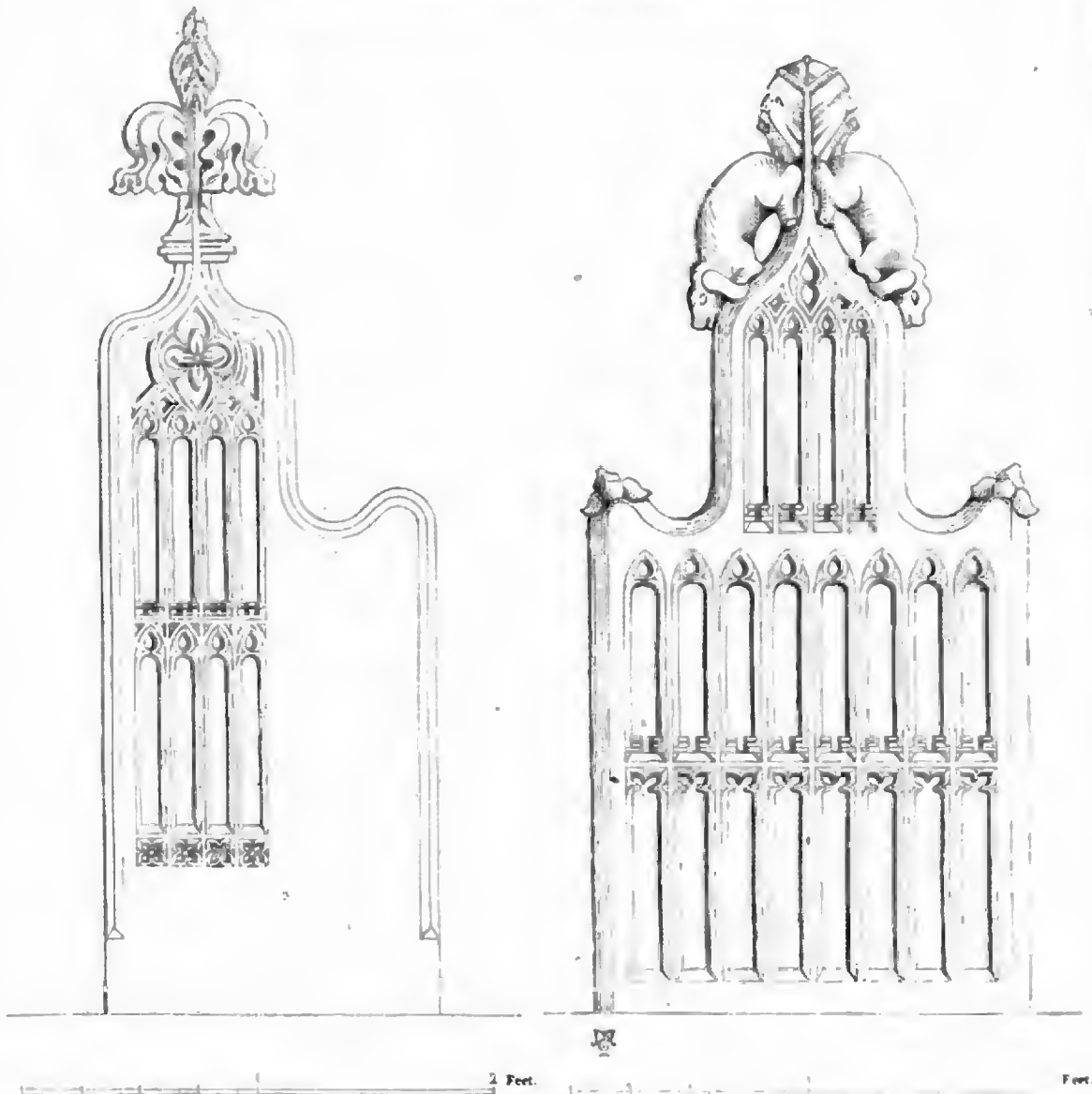


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The long night of darkness, in which Nations fought for vain shadows and derived their dreams of glory from violence and bloodshed, has gone down the sky. "The day-spring from on high has visited us," and taught that "Glory to God in the Highest" is blended and identified with "Peace on earth, good will towards men!" Commerce must bind together the nations which were dissociated, and trade unite the races which blind and selfish jealousy dissevered. The soothing influences of Art, superadded to the usefulness of manufactured products, will give force and efficacy to those lessons of civilization which it is the proud destiny of Britain to preach to the whole human race. In this career we see no goal fixed to our country's march of prosperity and greatness: her benefits to humanity will be co-extensive with the wants of mankind; and her high reward will be a recognized supremacy in intelligence more glorious than the sway of the proudest empire that ever existed.

MONUMENT TO THE LATE SIR WILLIAM FORBES.—We understand (says the *Exeter Gazette*) that it is in contemplation to erect a statue in the memory of our late respected representative, as the most fitting memento of the admiration of his genius and character entertained by the citizens of Exeter.

IMPORTANT TO ARTISTS.

The Art-Union of London are about to offer a premium of 500*l.* for a group in marble, to be competed for by models in clay, the size of the intended work. These must be sent in by the 1st of July, 1846, and the work finished in marble by the 1st of July, 1847; 200*l.* will be paid when the premium is adjudged and the remainder on completion.

As regards the historical picture for which a premium of 500*l.* has been offered, the committee request artists to forward by the 1st of December next (that is, a month before sending the cartoon), a sealed letter containing name and address, and having on the outside a motto by which the cartoon must also be distinguished. The object of this arrangement is, that the committee may learn how many cartoons will probably be forwarded, so that they may provide sufficient accommodation for the exhibition of them.

On Monday, the 15th of December, artists may learn by application at the office, the name of the place to which the cartoons are to be sent; 200*l.* will be paid on the selection being made.

We observe with regret that in consequence of the approach in the end of the session the

bill brought in by Mr. Wyse some weeks ago to place art-unions on a permanent basis has been withdrawn. A temporary bill of indemnification, however, has been brought in with the full consent of the Government, so that no practical inconvenience will result.

THE PEERS AND MR. BARRY.

We learn with gratification that our respectful remonstrance against undue haste in the completion of the new House of Peers, to which the daily press gave increased circulation and weight, has received considerable attention in the proper quarter, and is likely to effect the desired end. Lord Brougham has since given notice that he will, on Monday next, name a day for moving an humble address to her Majesty, praying that she would be graciously pleased to order the preparation of the House of Peers for their lordships' occupation from the beginning of next session, with temporary fittings, and that care should be taken in providing the means of ventilation and warming the same; that all risk from fire should be guarded against by making the building fire-proof.